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My dear Mr. Garrison.

You may be aware that strenuous efforts are being made to cause the Legislature to pass a law requiring the introduction of Military Drill into all our Public Schools.

This, in my estimation would prove very disastrous to the Moral & Mental tone of the Schools. In the midst of our Gigantic war, it is not strange that many people are unduly influenced into measures which would have been utterly condemned three years since, but not all are so influenced. My own views upon this subject remain

the same in effect, though
strengthened by the increase
of the War Spirit around
us.

I have asked
for a hearing before the
Military Committee of the
Legislature which will prob-
ably be given at an early
day. Dr. Dio. Lewis will appear
& endeavor to show that
the Military Drill does not
compare with the system
of gymnastics for physical
development, or as a mental
chill. Brother Joseph of
the Westboro Reform School
will ~~also~~ take the ground
that it is necessarily demor-
alizing to the young, & perhaps
I may say a few words
upon the subject.

Now My dear Sir
Will you not appear &

add your testimony to its
corrupting influences?

I will inform you of
the time, when I ascertain
the day. Please let me
know if you will assist
in the effort to preserve
our youth from this ad-
ditional influence to draw
them down.

Yours very truly
H. T. Allen.

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